



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
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Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Keller called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Present were Councilmembers Irons, Mandel, Petito, Schulp, Wegner, also present was Administrator Pratt, Margaret Soltan of the *Bugle*, and a few residents.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as posted without objection.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Keller congratulated and thanked re-elected Councilmembers Mandel, Petito, and Schulp and stated that he looked forward to a productive year's work.
- The Mayor reported on the recent MML Chapter meeting in Poolesville, where Pepco was the primary topic of discussion. Mayor Keller noted that there will be a new Pepco liaison, replacing Kim Watson and that he was working hard with Pepco to get the remaining Siberian elm on Kenilworth at the Town Hall removed. Mayor Keller briefed the Council on the discussion concerning changing the manner in which the Montgomery County tax duplication payments to the municipalities is calculated to have it more accurately reflect the cost of services provide by them, noting that this year's expected payment of \$40,000 to Garrett Park did not come close to full reimbursement for the Town's projected expenditures.
- Mayor Keller reported that the temporary path to the Grosvenor Metro station was being badly affected by the well drilling operation at the elementary school construction site, that a Town resident was injured as a result, and that he had been in touch with MCPS and the general contractor to try and get this hazardous situation resolved.
- The Mayor informed the Council that nine very nice specimen oaks had been obtained from a new supplier in Georgia, that these specific trees were uncommon for our area, and that the Town had received a nice discount in return for reporting on the trees' progress. Also, a large Swamp Oak was supplied by the County Parks Department, and has been planted in Garrett-Waverly Park by the Town's maintenance staff.

- In view of the gas explosion in Randolph Hill, the Mayor noted that the Town Office had supplied more information on work being done on Rokeby by Washington Gas, which involves relining a number of gas services with plastic, and will require opening two small holes – one in the road and one by the house – and that no major excavation is planned.
- Mayor Keller reported that he would be out of town June 3rd through June 11th and asked for Councilmembers to contact him concerning serving as Acting Mayor.
- Noting that Monday, May 23rd had been reserved for a work session, Mayor Keller asked if one was needed – it was the sense of the Council that one was not required this month.
- Mayor Keller reported that excellent progress was being made in preparation for the May 25th Citizens Association presentation on the Land Use Task Forces proposals.

Councilmember's Reports on Areas of Responsibility

- Councilmember Irons urged her colleagues to attend the Citizens Association Land Use forum that the Mayor had mentioned, noting that it would be held at 8:00 PM on May 25th in the Town Hall.
- Councilmember Wegner reported that he has queried the State Highway Administration (SHA) regarding recent Strathmore repairs, which did not appear to be as substantial as agreed to by SHA when they walked that stretch with him and Mayor Keller. He also reported that he had asked SHA to remove the large Oak at the intersection of Raleigh and Strathmore, badly damaged during the reconstruction of Strathmore Avenue and now in serious decline, as well as another oak tree further down Knowles on the roadside bank that represented a public safety threat. He has not heard back from them on this request.

Approval of Minutes:

- Councilmember Wegner **MOVED**
That the minutes of the 03/14/2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Irons, and was **PASSED** unanimously.
- Councilmember Mandel **MOVED**
That the minutes of the 04/11/2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wegner, and was **PASSED** unanimously.

Action/Discussion:

- Rokeby Speed Bump Location – Councilmember Mandel reported that

Mandi Mader has gotten most of the residents to agree that traffic-calming devices (speed cushions) are needed (best examples on Parkwood), that two have been proposed, 12ft wide and 3 inches high, in front of 11308 and down-hill from 11314. He reported that resident and traffic engineer Dick Pratt suggests a traffic study, believing the curve and parked cars slow traffic down adequately, and that there should be only one hump located at the Ingham's if a hump is installed, as he believes the one on the hill will cause accidents with scooters and bicycles. Councilmember Wegner stated that if a majority of residents in neighborhood want speed bumps the Council should have them installed, and in light of Dick Pratt's comments, the Town should consider installing one at 11308, hold off the second, and see how things develop. There was discussion; Mayor Keller asked if it is the sense of Council to install one at 11308 and see how that works before proceeding with the second speed cushion. This was agreed to without objection.

- North Kenilworth Private Drainage - Councilmember Mandel reported on the site meeting he had with residents at the Callejon/Whiteside home, noting that the two homes primarily affected are that lot and the neighboring Mays' lot (11314 and 11312 Kenilworth Avenue). Councilmember Mandel noted that some of the residents felt the Town had not been responsive, that they wanted the Town to have the curb and aprons from 11314 to 11218 rebuilt to prevent runoff from the street, and that most seem to understand that there was a substantial private aspect to this problem. There was discussion concerning the resizing of the Town's drain to assure its ability to accept a private drain connection. Administrator Pratt noted that a meeting with the residents had been set up for 7:30 PM on Wednesday the 11th and that Chester Engineers would be in attendance.
- Status of Capital Projects - Mayor Keller and Administrator Pratt reviewed the summary report on the various capital projects the Town hoped to complete by November. Administrator Pratt noted that this was a preliminary report and that both the estimates and expenditures listed were likely to change somewhat over the next month as Chester Engineers completes ongoing survey and design work. The target date for completion of the bid book for these projects is June 15th, going out to bid by June 30th, awarding contracts in early August with work to start no later than early September, with completion by mid-November, at the latest.

Resident Charles Berry commented on the use of darkened concrete for the sidewalks along Kenilworth, noting that the Parks and Open Space Committee had considered using darkened concrete for the Keswick sidewalk and decided against at the advice of Dick Pratt and others, who had pointed out the possible trip hazard for individuals with restricted eyesight. Also, Mr. Berry noted, the brightness of the newly poured concrete wore off as it weathered. Mr. Berry also suggested that the Town

use the same provisions as the County regarding concrete flat-work, which required full replacement if cracking occurred within a certain period of time, noting that this insured the contractor allowed the concrete to properly cure. Mr. Berry also suggested that the Town use a stronger concrete than standard, as the additional expense was worth the added durability. Mayor Keller thanked Mr. Berry for his suggestions, noting especially that a review of the use of darkened concrete was in order.

Town Administrator Report:

- Election Report - Administrator Pratt submitted the election report (attached to these minutes) to the Council, noting that the Judges and poll workers had done excellent work and that the election had gone smoothly.
- Monthly Financial Report - Administrator Pratt reviewed the monthly financial report with the Council, noting that he had projected a cash position at the end of FY 2012 that demonstrated the Town had the capability of funding all of the proposed capital projects if the bids came in at or below estimates.
- Permits Report - Administrator Pratt reviewed the permits report with the Council.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

[TOWN SEAL]

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Pratt, Jr.

Edwin Pratt, Jr., Clerk-Treasurer



Town of Garrett Park

Certification of Election Results

Town Election: May 2nd 2011

We, the undersigned Judges of Election for this Town Election do certify that votes for three seats on the Town Council were cast as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER:	Jack MANDEL	131	Elected
	Chris PETITO	132	Elected
	Phil SCHULP	142	Elected

796 : Number of qualified voters on the Town's register.

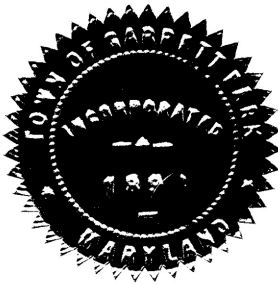
169 : Number of qualified voters casting ballots.

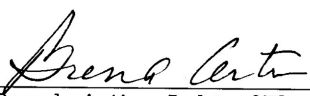
21% : Percentage of qualified voters casting ballots.

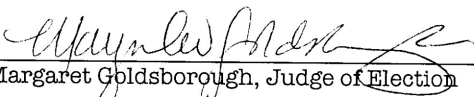
9 : Number of absentee ballots cast.

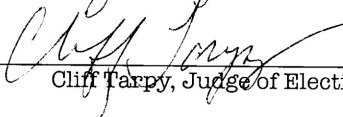
0 : Number of ballots rejected.

1 : Ballots returned and reissued.




Brenda Artim, Judge of Election


Margaret Goldsborough, Judge of Election


Cliff Farpy, Judge of Election